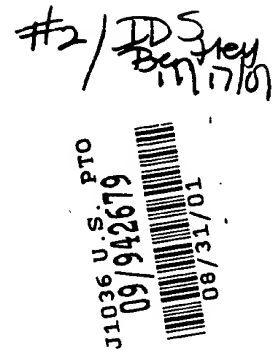


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR
PROPRIETARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56 AND MPEP § 724

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Sir:

Attached hereto is a Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement submitting proprietary information to the Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and MPEP § 724. Applicant respectfully requests that the information be considered only by the Examiner in charge of the above-caption application, or other authorized Patent and Trademark Office employee.

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Sir:

The following is a listing of co-pending U.S. patent application which relates to the above-identified application.


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09/640,792	August 18, 2000

Applicants consider the aforementioned document and the disclosure of its/their existence as a pending application to constitute proprietary information. Accompanying this Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement is a transmittal letter indicating that the materials contained herein are proprietary, as required by MPEP § 724.02.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the foregoing information and provide in the next official communication the information set forth in MPEP § 724.04(a), particularly the information under item (3), so that the Applicants can, if appropriate, subsequently file a petition to expunge those materials, as provided according to MPEP § 724.05.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.



RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of Documents A3 and A5 through A7 is described in the present specification.

Document 4 relates to an Automatic Spare Brake System.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached for Documents A4 and A6-A8.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.